

# HARBOR & PUBLIC MARINA

## Community Spotlight "The Man Behind the Madaket"



Launched in 1910, The Madaket is the last survivor of seven original ferries that transported mill workers and families around Humboldt Bay. However, most residents and visitors know it as the legendary local ferry that they can catch for educational tours; providing families a unique and breathtaking perspective of the bay and our community.

**The Madaket is the oldest vessel in continuous service in the United States;** and is a California historic vessel. It is a certified legend here in Humboldt County.

The man behind the legend is Leroy Zerlang.

Leroy is a fifth generation local, who literally grew up on and around Humboldt Bay whose family has a long history within our community. In fact, it was Leroy's father, William, who founded the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum.

Leroy spent his childhood taking the Madaket back and forth to Fintown. In 1983, the boat was purchased by Zerlang, and in 1989, they started the restoration to turn it into the treasure we know and love today.

Leroy is not only the man behind the Madaket; you might also call him the keeper of the bay! In addition to

the Maritime Museum and the Madaket, Leroy started up Zerlang & Zerlang in 2008, a Marine Service for the Humboldt Bay. One of the many services Zerlang provides is lending a heavy hand in assisting Eureka's Harbor crew with the City's very popular annual 4th of July Fireworks show.

Leroy says that he has a very positive relationship with the City of Eureka and their Harbor Crew, as they work together to keep the waterfront alive.

Leroy's passion towards his community is one that started five-generations before him, and it's a passion that will carry on through his step-son Cody, who

The Harbor Program is responsible for overseeing the operation and maintenance of the City's Public Marina and maintenance of other waterfront property and structures including the Eureka Public Marina, Samoa Bridge Launch Facility, Bonnie Gool Dock, K Street Dock, J Street Dock, F Street Dock, Dock B, the Boardwalk, Del Norte Street Pier and Fisherman's Terminal. In addition, this program is responsible for maintenance projects at the Economic Development Administration (E.D.A.) fish plant and Samoa Bridge Launch Facility restrooms. Harbor also oversees maintenance of Truesdale Vista Point, Eureka Marsh and other City-owned wetland areas. The Waterfront Revitalization Program cooperates with the Harbor and involves planning, coordination and review of twelve waterfront projects including dock reconstructions and others.

### **Public Boat Launch Facilities:**

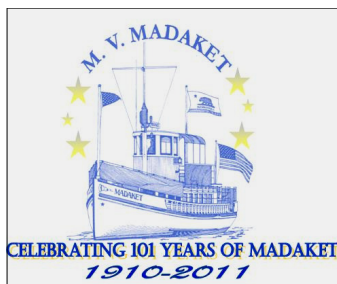
- Eureka Public Marina (Waterfront Dr.)
- Samoa Bridge (Waterfront Dr. under the bridge)

## Hooked on fishing?

Wishin' you had gone fishin'? Try fishing at one of the public fishing docks in town.

### **Public Fishing Docks:**

- Bonnie Gool Visitor Dock (near Adorni Center on Waterfront Dr.)
- Coast Guard Dock (#1 Commercial St.)
- Del Norte Pier (end of Del Norte St.)
- Eureka Public Marina, Open 8am—5pm (Waterfront Dr.)
- F Street Dock (end of F St. on the Boardwalk)



"learned to walk on the Madaket." Cody works closely with Leroy, and is busy restoring another wooden boat named "Stephanie," which is the second-oldest wooden functional boat on Humboldt Bay, built in 1917. Cody and Leroy have a set goal to launch the Stephanie back into action in 2017; on the boat's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"The history of the Humboldt Bay is very important," Leroy says, "and while both boats are owned by the Maritime Museum, they are the community's boats. The City's been generous to us in helping preserve these boats, and we are proud to say that we are members of this community."

## Humboldt Bay Harbor Cruise

aboard the 1910 Motor Vessel MADAKET

"A Tradition on Humboldt Bay Since 1910"

# WHARFINGER BUILDING



The Wharfinger Building has become a premiere location for a variety of events since its dedication on December 16, 2000. Overlooking the Eureka Public Marina, visitors enjoy stunning views of Humboldt Bay and its wildlife.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the Wharfinger Building at 268-1973 or by email at [calvara@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:calvara@ci.eureka.ca.gov).

## The Great Room

Perfect for conferences, luncheons, dinner parties, weddings and receptions of all types, the Great Room can accommodate up to 140 people.

### Rental Rates:

- \$185.00—\$700.00
- Commercial Kitchen Rental \$50.00
- Dishware \$2.50/person

- Linens \$8.00/table
- Coffee Service \$1.25—\$2.00/person attending event

### Included with rental at no additional cost:

- Tables
- Chairs
- Audio System



## The Bay Room

With a maximum capacity of 70 people, the Bay Room is ideal for meetings and family gatherings too large to have at home.

### Rental Rates:

- \$95.00—\$350.00
- Linens \$8.00/table
- Coffee Service \$1.25—\$2.00/person attending event

### Included with rental at no additional cost:

- Tables • Chairs • Audio system

## Meet the Harbor Team



**Jeff Raimsey**

*I manage the Harbor Operations and Facility Maintenance for the City. I have worked in marinas and waterfronts since I was a teenager. I am very proud to be part of the Waterfront Revitalization in Eureka.*



**Connie Alvara**

*I'm the Harbor Recreation Coordinator. I have the privilege of working with some amazing people. I also get the pleasure of meeting lots of visitors to the city and sharing the many attributes of the place I've lived all of my life.*



**Donald Wilkes**

*I have worked for the City for 14 years. I enjoy being a liaison to the fishing and boating community as well as tourists visiting the area.*



**Aaron Coyle**

*I've been active in boating and water sports my whole life and I have worked for the City for 5 years. When I'm not working at the marina and waterfront, I can be found out sailing on the bay with other recreational boaters.*



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